

Amendment - 09/873,331

REMARKS

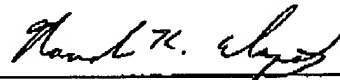
The present submission is in response to the Notice of Non-Complaint amendment mailed March 2, 2004, in response to an Amendment filed February 20, 2004. The Notice of Non-Compliant amendment indicated that February 20, 2004 amendment did not present a complete listing of all claims.

The present submission is believed to include a complete listing of all claims, including canceled claims 1, 2 and 8.

Reconsideration of the application is requested. Claims 3-7 and 9-34 are believed to be in allowable form and define over the prior art of record. An early notice of allowance is requested so that the application may proceed to issue.

No fee is believed to be due for this submission. Should a fee be required, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any such fee to Womble Carlyle's Deposit Account No. 09.0528.

Respectfully Submitted,

Date: March 11, 2004

Nanda K. Alapati (Reg. No. 39,893)
703-394-2216
USPTO Customer No. 26158
Womble, Carlyle, Sandridge & Rice
P.O. Box 7037
Atlanta, GA 30357-0037